

Docket No: SCHÄFER
Appl. No: 10/540,200

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2 5, 6, 8-10, 14-16 to eliminate any informalities and to present the claims in proper form and language so as to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention, notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that these amendments are cosmetic in nature and that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Claims 3, 4, 7, 11, 12 have been canceled, and claims 17-19 have been added. Claims 1, 2 5, 6, 8-10, 14-19 correspond to claims 1 through 13 of the original International PCT application PCT/DE2003/004004 and have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it with proper headings and to correct an obvious typographic error with respect to paragraphs [0008] and [0009].

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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